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ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSION ON ITS THIRD SESSION

Draft report

Chapter __

ORGANIZATION OF THE SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

1. The Commission on Sustainable Development held its third session at United Nations Headquarters from 11 to 28 April 1995. The Commission held __ meetings (1st to __ meetings).

2. The session was opened by the temporary Chairman, His Excellency Mr. Klaus Töpfer (Germany).

3. The Under-Secretary-General for Policy Coordination and Sustainable Development addressed the Commission.

4. An introductory statement was made by the Co-Chairperson of the High-level Advisory Board on Sustainable Development.

5. In accordance with the recommendation contained in paragraph 14 (c) of General Assembly resolution 47/191 of 22 December 1992, the Commission held, on 26, 27 and 28 April 1995, a high-level meeting, with ministerial participation, to provide for an integrated overview of the implementation of Agenda 21, to consider emerging policy issues and to provide necessary political impetus to the implementation of the decisions of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and commitments contained therein (see chap. __).

B. Attendance

6. In accordance with Economic and Social Council decision 1993/207, the Commission is composed of 53 members elected from among the States Members of the United Nations and members of the specialized agencies.

7. The session was attended by __ States members of the Commission. Observers for other States Members of the United Nations, the European Community, and two non-member States and the representatives of the Secretariat, United Nations bodies and specialized agencies, and observers for intergovernmental organizations and non-governmental organizations also attended. A list of participants is given in annex __ to the present report.

C. Election of officers

8. At its 1st meeting, on 11 April 1995, the Commission elected the following officers by acclamation:

Chairman: Henrique Brandao Cavalcanti (Brazil)

Vice-Chairmen: Yordan Uzunov (Bulgaria)
Magnus Johannesson (Iceland)
Takao Shibata (Japan)
Henry Aryamanya-Mugisha (Uganda)

9. At the 3rd meeting, on 12 April 1995, Mr. Yordan Uzunov (Bulgaria) was elected to serve also as Rapporteur.

D. Agenda and organization of work

10. At the 1st meeting, on 11 April 1995, the Commission adopted the provisional agenda contained in document E/CN.17/1995/1, and approved its organization of work. The agenda was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters.

3. General discussion on progress in the implementation of Agenda 21, focusing on the cross-sectoral components of Agenda 21, and the critical elements of sustainability.

4. Financial resources and mechanisms.

5. Education, science, transfer of environmentally sound technologies, cooperation and capacity-building.

6. Review of sectoral cluster: Land, desertification, forests and biodiversity.

7. Other matters.

8. High-level meeting.

9. Provisional agenda for the fourth session of the Commission.

10. Adoption of the report of the Commission on its third session.